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Kinston receives "good news" about Senior Citizens Center



Representative Terry Spicer and Senator Jimmy Holley delivered a message from Governor Don Siegelman to the Town of Kinston last Friday, Nov. 16, concerning the Senior Citizens Center. By reading a letter from the Governor, Spicer said Kinston had been awarded \$249,360 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the development and renovation of a new Senior Citizens Center. The grant, awarded by the Governor, is 100 percent funded which means no matching funds are required of the town for the project. Holley said this announcement is filled with opportunity for the Town of Kinston, and he was very happy to be able to deliver this news. Depending upon the architect, officials said they hope to bid the project in the early part of the year. Above, Spicer and Holley help to cut the cake in celebration of the announcement.

Elba Council appoints Dyess to serve another term with housing authority

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted Tuesday night (November 13) to reappoint Percy Dyess to another term on the Elba Housing Authority. The meeting had been postponed from Monday due to the Veterans Day holiday.

Monthly bills totaling \$24,169.21 were approved for payment. They included \$5,529.81 for vehicle and equipment repair; \$5,499.67 for recreation equipment and uniforms; \$1,171.18 for asphalt mix; \$853.04 for pipe; and \$2,164.00 for advertising.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported that the street sign project is progressing, with Reese Street finished and East Davis ongoing.

Elba Mayor James Grimes noted receipt of a letter from

National Security Insurance commending the police and other departments for a job well done.

Grimes also told council members that the local Head Start program wants to expand and has at least 17 additional children on the waiting list. They have requested city help in repairing the city-owned building they now occupy for \$1,000 per year. Grimes explained he wanted the council members to be aware of the request and their blessings to go further with the request. It was decided that city officials would obtain cost estimates before taking formal action on the request for repair of the building, which Grimes estimates will cost at least \$5,000. The mayor also reported that 18 parcels of property have been purchased for the levee upgrade project.

New Brockton Police arrest teenager in connection with motor vehicle break-ins

A series of interviews by the New Brockton Police Department led to the recent arrest of a New Brockton teenager in connection with some motor vehicle break-ins.

Christopher Demetrius Silas, age 18, of 303 N. John Street, New Brockton, was arrested and charged on Monday, Nov. 12, with unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle and receiving stolen property second degree.

According to police, Silas denied any connection to the

break-ins during interviews held on Nov. 6 and Nov. 10.

During an interview held on Sunday, Nov. 11, police said Silas confessed to some of the vehicle break-ins reported by citizens and was arrested the following day.

Upon his arrest, Silas was placed in the Coffee County Jail. Police still urge citizens of New Brockton and the surrounding area to continue locking their vehicles and possibly leaving an outside light on at night as a precautionary measure.

During Elba BOE meeting Superintendent provides proration update

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Thursday night the Elba City School Board heard Superintendent Danny Weeks report that the school system is holding its own financially and still operating in the black;

mentioning however the projected 5% proration in education funding if the state legislature doesn't furnish additional funds.

Weeks said the results for the Elba school system of the proposed proration would be more drastic than they had ever seen. He explained that it would

probably cost Elba eight classroom teachers and six support personnel next year if the state actually declares 5% proration.

The remainder of the board meeting was a discussion by the board members, superintendent and special education teachers with the mother of a special education student. At the conclusion of that discussion, Chairman Daniel Stephens thanked her for her comments, her interest in her child and the school system and confirmed that the Superintendent and his staff would address the issues discussed.

Wednesday afternoon accident sends three people to the hospital

safety devices available. Alabama State Trooper Willie White investigated the accident.

Also responding to the accident alarm were the Opp Rescue Squad, Coffee County EMS, the

Elba Fire Department and Coffee County Sheriff's Department.



"Christmas in Elba" begins Saturday, Nov. 24, with annual Christmas Festival

The holiday season is fast approaching and to culminate the spirit, the Elba Chamber of Commerce invites all to attend the 14th Annual Elba Christmas Festival on Saturday, Nov. 24. The day's activities will be held at the historic courthouse square in Elba and will begin at 9 a.m.

The festival has been expanded this year and promises to be a fun filled day for all ages. Entertainment will begin at 9 a.m. and run continuously throughout the day. The emcee will be Elba's own Roger Boothe.

Arts and crafts will abound the courthouse square with many vendors and artisans displaying their merchandise. This also will be a great time to begin Christmas shopping as many Elba merchants will be open. In addition, numerous food vendors will be located around the square and will offer many different selections for any taste.

There will be a huge focus on children's activities this year.

For the older children, there will be a fast speed baseball activity sponsored by the Elba High School baseball team. Children will be able to race to the finish line at the newly added obstacle course, and they can feel the excitement of parachuting in an enclosed environment with the all-new airborne adventure. Finally, towering over all the children's activities will be the gigantic slide.

The traditional favorites for the children also promise to be a success this year with the Girl Scout Troop #300 Teddy Bear Tea Party, as well as, pony rides, train rides and clowns.

Consumers are urged not to forget to turn in their filled "Santa Stamps" game piece to the chamber office prior to Friday, Nov. 23, or bring them to the Elba Chamber of Commerce booth on the day of the festival before 12 Noon. The drawing of the Grand Prize (\$300 worth of gift certificates) and the second prize (\$150 worth of gift certificates) will be held at Noon during the Christmas Festival.

Participants must be present to win.

As soon as the activities of the evening, the streets of Elba will be filled with a vast array of lights and sounds of the season as the 14th Annual Elba Christmas Parade begins at 4:30 p.m. The parade promises to be bigger and better than ever, spotlighting dignitaries, churches, local businesses, beauty queens, marching bands and a variety of festive floats, as well as, the big man himself, Santa Claus.

The parade will be guided into town by a Magical Christmas Float. This float will start down the streets approximately five minutes before all other entries. The purpose of this float is to distribute food and toys to the needy during the holiday season. All parade onlookers are asked to bring a nonperishable food item or a packaged toy and place these items on the Magical Christmas Float as it passes by.

Immediately following the parade, all spectators will be given candles and asked to return to the courthouse square for the memorable All-Star Lighting Ceremony.

The lighting ceremony will recognize Elba's top citizens

who have made a mark on this community as they display a year for community service and "big hearts" for their hometown. During the ceremony, candles will be lit to enhance the beautifully decorated courthouse square, and the crowd will be asked to join their fellow neighbors in singing Christmas carols.

This will bring the day's activities to a close; however, the celebration of Christmas in Elba will continue on Saturday, Dec. 8, with "Christmas in the Forest."

During the evening of Saturday, Dec. 8, from 5-8 p.m., the Elba Chamber of Commerce and its members invites all to join them for a buggy ride through a magical Christmas forest. These rides will be held on Forest Lake Drive and will conclude with refreshments. Tickets for the event can be purchased at the Elba Chamber of Commerce booth at the Christmas Festival.

"Christmas in Elba" has arrived, and the Elba Chamber of Commerce strives to make it one for everyone to remember with the 14th Annual Elba Christmas Festival on Saturday, Nov. 24, and "Christmas in the Forest" on Saturday, Dec. 8.

Area Happenings

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS The City of Elba offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22, and Friday, Nov. 23, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The offices will reopen on Monday, Nov. 26, at 8 a.m. There will be standby crews for any emergency with water, electric, street or sewer. To report an emergency, please call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The Thursday garbage route will be picked up on Friday. The Elba Public Library will also be closed on Thursday, Nov. 22, and Friday, Nov. 23, in observance of the holiday.

FOEPL BOOK SALE Friends of the Elba Public Library will conduct a Book Sale at the library from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24.

BLOOD DRIVE An Elba Community Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Saturday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, located on West Davis Street in Elba. The drive will be held in the fellowship hall of the church, and interested persons can call (334) 897-2219 to reserve an appointment. The blood drive will be held in conjunction with Elba's Annual Christmas Festival.

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS Human Resource Development Cooperation and the Elba Recreation Department will be taking applications for Operation Santa Claus through November 30. If interested, contact Dottie Stricklin, H.R.D.C., at 897-2667 or Charlotte Caldwell, Elba Rec. Center, at 897-6833.

14th Annual Elba Christmas Festival Entertainment Schedule:

9 a.m. - Judson Vaughan/Boy Scouts - National Anthem
9:30 a.m. - Ino Baptist Church Youth Group
10 a.m. - Peggy Stroud
10:30 a.m. - Dixie Cloggers
11 a.m. - Southern Gentlemen
12 Noon - Introduction of Elba Queens and Santa Stamps Drawing
12:30 p.m. - Troy State Dixie Darlins
1 p.m. - Crimson River (Gospel)
1:30 p.m. - Derrick Snellgrove
2 p.m. - Diamond Squares of Opp
2:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church Youth Group
3 p.m. - Elba First Baptist Church Youth Group
3:30 p.m. - Gymnastics Etc.
4:30 p.m. - Parade
Elba's All-Star Lighting Ceremony will follow the parade.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Americans have heard a lot about El Niño, also called the Southern Oscillation, in recent years, but that celebrated weather-driver is just the tip of the iceberg. Now we've got to know about the Madden-Julian Oscillation, the Arctic Oscillation, and the Pacific Decadal Oscillation. Experts are reporting that our day-to-day weather is determined by one or more of these "things."

For several years "peace" and other type protesters have been getting less and less peaceful, to the point of often being downright violent. It was refreshing this last week to read that a leader of one of the main training schools for protesters is advocating a less violent type protest. This is encouraging. Our system of government allows any citizen to protest, with-in reason, but when this "freedom of speech" interferes with legal activities and/or causes physical harm to others, (in other words when your protest goes past the end of my nose) then it becomes criminal and not protected free speech. Regardless of the merits of the "cause", the person violating another person's rights becomes a criminal themselves.

The U.S. Congress is fast going down the road to "rejuvenate" the economy with massive tax cuts to Big Business. This isn't just cutting future taxes, but is a legalized raid on the U.S. Treasury by giving retroactive tax credits to companies already making billions of dollars in profits. Of course, as a carrot, they are also talking of finishing out tax refunds to individual taxpayers who didn't get the full \$600 during the much discussed tax cut earlier this year. We bit our tongue and accepted the refund the first time around, but folks there is no real excuse for doing this again. All the additional expense this country has faced, and will face, relating to the September 11 terrorist attacks and the ongoing war, will surely absorb any excesses of tax collections. Please don't bow to the whims of the powerful lobbyists, pat yourselves on the back as you continue to borrow money to run this great country and then have to turn around and raise my children's taxes to pay the bills!

First Lady Laura Bush has taken on the task of pointing out to the world the brutality of the Taliban against women and children in Afghanistan. Folks, we are lucky to have such person sitting in that chair. As a trained and experienced school teacher, and a class act in her own right, she is exactly what this country and the world needs in that position. Hopefully Mrs. Bush is doing it as a volunteer and not being forced into the spotlight by her husband or others in the administration. A lot of people gave their lives on September 11th, oh so unwillingly, in motivating this country and the world to finally do something about such warped thinking and the message needs to be delivered with the class she can exhibit and America needs to exhibit.

It is amazing how fast the tough talking Taliban soldiers folded their tents and ran at the first crack in their facade. We thought the same thing during Desert Storm before which the world had been told would be the "Mother of all Wars." Either the strong beliefs of defiance are concentrated in a few cult type leaders, safely hidden in underground bunkers, or the American war machine is the most overpowering thing this earth has ever seen . . . or both. The part about the powerful American war machine surely has a ring of truth and belongs with it the awesome responsibility of not becoming exactly what we are presently opposing in Afghanistan. While there is still a long way to go before the detailed terrorist network is completely dismantled, hopefully our leaders will know when enough is enough.

We hope you have a good Thanksgiving. Americans have a lot to be thankful for, in fact the reality that we are free to give thanks as we please is in itself something for which we can, and should, be humbly thankful. If you will, please say a prayer of thanks for all those folks who are actively defending our freedom, safety and rights and openly express our feelings. They are not home with their families this week, because they are ensuring we have a good day.

Elba will be the site of a Christmas festival this Saturday. Of course it is not unheard of for the weather to get wet and nasty on the day of this annual event and this year the rain part would be received with mixed emotions. The Wiregrass desperately needs the rain, but maybe it can wait until AFTER the festivities.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of November 12, 2001, through November 18, 2001. They were: Theo Mauldin, Judy New, Daniel H. Cooper, Rebecca Stinson, Brittin Stokes, David Beckworth, Shamika Blackmon, Annie Williams, Ralph Jenkins, LeRoy Cole, Cola Carney, Christy Perdue, Ollie Hussey and Julia Phillips.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Foye McGuire, Timmy Richards, Ruby Owens, Anne Enory, Mary Wright, Daniel Cooper, Lovenia Rowe, Johnnie Owens, Shamika Blackmon, Judy New, Theo Mauldin, David Beckworth, Brittin Stokes, Barbara Truitt, Annie Williams, LeRoy Cole, Cola Carney, Christy Perdue, Ollie Hussey and Christy Perdue.

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EDITORIAL

Thanksgiving allows us to enjoy those who make life special

by Linda Hodge, Editor

On this Thanksgiving Day, I am reminded of the many things in my life which I am grateful. I, like most everyone, consider Thanksgiving to be a very special holiday because it is a day that we take time to reflect upon the things that make our lives so special and offer thanks

Notice:

The Coffee County Veterans Affairs Office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22, Friday, Nov. 23, and Monday, Nov. 26, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 8 a.m. In case of medical emergencies, call 1-800-214-8387.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, November 12, 2001, investigated the following incidents: three criminal mischief, one assault, one possession of marijuana, one possession of drug paraphernalia, one domestic violence, one burglary, one possession of a controlled substance, three theft of property, one giving a false name, one criminal trespass, two harassments, one DUI and one bite.

The following arrests were made: one for possession of marijuana, one for possession of drug paraphernalia and one for violation of a court order. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: fourteen for speeding, one for no insurance, three for no proof of insurance, one for violation of the seat belt law, one for no license and two for running a stop sign.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12
River stage - 6.08 feet (6:36 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Hwy. 134 (2:17 p.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13
Alarm activated at Fred's Dollar Store (4:58 a.m.); River stage - 6.08 feet (6:17 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1281 Neil Grantham Drive (8:32 a.m.); Dishwasher reported at 1427 Smith Ave. (9:10 a.m.); Attempted burglary reported at 366 Calhoun St. (1:03 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1106 Martin Luther King Drive (7:49 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14
Prowler reported at 1509 Reese Ave. (1:24 a.m.); River stage - 6.08 feet (7:03 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Cty. Rd. 208 (7:35 a.m.); Alarm activated at The Jewel Box (7:42 a.m.);

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• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 5:30 p.m. City Hall
• WATER & ELK Lodge 1242 2nd Monday following city council meeting, City Hall
• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. Magee Garrett Classroom
• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Supp. Office
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• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
• CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll hangar
• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - EHS Cafeteria

to those who have given us reason to enjoy life.

Family and friends have always been very important to me, and Thanksgiving is just another day for me to let my family and friends know just how much they mean to me. My life would certainly not be as great as it is if it weren't for my family and friends, and I hope each and every one of them realize this without me having to say it.

Now, the thing I am looking most forward to this Thanksgiving is cooking the meal at our house.

As many know, my mom is a dietician and will have to go to dialysis on Thanksgiving Day, which leaves my sister and me to serve as cooks for the day. Right now, I'm guessing that the thing my sister will be most

thankful for is me finishing my kitchen duties so we can begin to find the tops of the counters once again. For some reason, she seems to think that my greatest accomplishment in the kitchen is making a mess more than anything. Personally, I say the bigger the mess, the better the food.

Regardless, I am still looking forward to baking the turkey, making the dressing and all the fixings to go with it. I've always celebrated Thanksgiving by enjoying the food prepared by others, and this year I am looking forward to being the one who spends hours in the kitchen cooking the meal for our family to enjoy together.

After all is said and done, I may have a different idea about that "hours in the kitchen" remark, but I've got this feeling that the opportunity to do something for those who mean the most to me will overshadow the tiredness.

All jokes aside though, I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and has the chance to spend it with family and friends!

Alabama Dept. of Public Safety predicts 16 people will be killed during the Thanksgiving holiday

The Alabama Department of Public Safety estimates 16 people will be killed in traffic crashes during the 102-hour Thanksgiving holiday travel period that begins at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 21, and ends at midnight Sunday, Nov. 25.

Last year, 16 people died as the result of traffic wrecks during the 102-hour period, 14 on rural roads and two in urban areas. At least six of the wreck victims were not using safety belts, and two of the deaths were alcohol related.

"I encourage Alabamians to drive responsibly and defensively during the Thanksgiving weekend. Alabama does not tolerate people who drink and drive. I caution those who are tempted to break Alabama's DUI laws that the consequences are not worth it," said Gov. Don Siegelman.

State troopers anticipate that traffic will be heavy during the Thanksgiving travel period. All available troopers will be on duty to enforce the state's speed limit, DUI safety belt and all other traffic laws, and to assist motorists. They will concentrate patrols on interstates and other heavily traveled roadways, with aerial speed enforcement included as part of speed limit enforcement activity.

"Alabama's state troopers will be out in force to help insure holiday travelers arrive safely to enjoy Thanksgiving with family and friends. Motorists are encouraged to drive with caution, avoid drinking and driving, and buckle up on each and every trip," said Col. James H. Alexander, Public Safety director.

WARNING!!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Cox,

Plans for the annual Christmas Festival on the square are well underway. I am writing to make your subscribers aware of the New Season's Study Club's involvement in this year's festivities.

As we did last year, we will sponsor the lighted Christmas float. This float is a wonderful way for us to support our philanthropy, the foster children of our community. This year our club is attempting to provide Christmas for 15 foster children in the Elba school system. This number has doubled from last year, so help from the community is vital to insure our success.

By request, the theme of our float will again be "A Christmas Carol." The float will have a carousel, complete with carousel horses and surrounded with Christmas lights. Our hope is by presenting the same float it will be easier for people to recognize which float is for their donations.

This year, the chamber plans for our float to be first in line, well ahead of the other parade entries. This will allow time for the numerous stops to place items on the float. We will also have members of our club walking along side the float to help place the items onboard.

In conjunction with the "Click It or Ticket" and "Operation ABC Mobilization: America Buckles Up Children" safety belt enforcement campaigns, state troopers, sheriffs, and police departments state wide will strictly enforce Alabama's safety belt and child restraint laws during traffic stops and at checkpoints.

The state's child restraint law requires approved child safety seat for child passengers through the age of three in front and back seats, and a child safety seat or regular safety belt for children four and five years old. The safety belt law requires front seat occupants to buckle up.

As in year's past, we are urging everyone who comes to enjoy the parade to also bring a can good, paper product, or non-perishable item to be placed upon the float as it passes by. All items received from this effort will be distributed among our foster families. We are hoping for such a huge turn out that our efforts can expand to other needy families in our city as well.

In addition to our Christmas float, the New Season's Study Club is also sponsoring an Adopt an Angel program this Christmas. Through this program, our goal is to provide a magical Christmas for foster angels in our community. Citizens have an opportunity to fulfill a Christmas wish from a list provided to us by the foster families. The Angel Tree is located at The Elba MarketPlace. Please take a moment to stop by and choose an angel.

Our prayer is for the success of these two events. I encourage everyone to support these efforts to make this Christmas spectacular for these precious children. Most graciously and Sincerely,

Pam Maddaloni
President, New Season's Study Club

Dear Editor,

First I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Elba Fire Department for the manner in which they respond to the needs of our community and the other communities in the area.

In late October of this year, on a Saturday afternoon, we had a grass fire about 200 yards north of my shop located on Highway 141 in the Pine Level Community. Three trucks along with one car from the Elba Fire Department responded and brought the fire under control. No homes were destroyed. No one was injured. No large tracts of timber damaged, however, one farmer did lose several large bales of hay. It was a situation that could have turned very ugly due to dry weather and a windy day, but thanks to the Elba Fire Department, it did not.

We are located only four miles from the Bullock Volunteer Fire Department. They also have a very capable and dedicated group of individuals who are more than willing to respond when notified.

Over a year ago, I talked with Jim Cade, the Chief of the Bullock Department, about the problems with communications as far as dispatching the proper (closest) department in the county. He explained that radio communications and incorrect

911 maps were the main problems. After the fire in October, I talked with him again. He informed me that his department was not notified of the fire. He also said that radio communications had been improved, but incorrect maps were still being used in the 911 dispatch center. Keep in mind that they are only four miles from the fire's location, whereas the Elba Department had to travel over twice that far to reach the scene.

I do not know how much money has been spent on our 911 system, but I do feel that a little common sense and time spent in the right place to correct the problems of communication and mapping. Let's get the problems corrected so the people of Elba are not put in a situation where their equipment and manpower are required to ten miles away while another department sits idle.

Again, I would like to say thanks to the Elba Fire Department. And to those people responsible for overseeing the 911 system. Do your job and get the problems solved before someone loses their home or worse.

Sincerely,
Jimmy Bryan

Mr. Ferrin Cox:

As many of you are aware there is again much discussion about the possibility of five to six percent proration for Alabama schools. At this point proration has not been declared, but with a special session rapidly approaching, I want to make systems aware of the effect of five percent proration on the Elba City School System.

The current state allocation for Elba City Schools totals \$4,121,861.00. If the proration rate is five percent, our school system would receive only \$3,915,768.00, a reduction of \$206,093.00. As you remember just last year we were forced to make cuts, totaling over \$750,000.00. Since about eighty-five percent of our budget includes salaries and benefits, which cannot be prorated, we will be forced to reduce staff at both schools. A reduction in staff may result in not replacing staff who retire, transferring personnel, non-renewing employees without tenure, or eliminating positions, and actually cutting some programs. Severe cut-backs will occur in the access of textbook purchases, maintenance, travel, instructional supplies, and field trips. Elba City Schools may lose at many as eight certified staff and more than six support personnel. As a result, very few elective courses will be offered and a complete reorganization of staff will be necessary.

Our 1901 Constitution has forced cuts in education funding times in the last half century, and that is too much. I encourage your support to take whatever action necessary to prevent cuts through proration to Alabama's schools. The first step is to ensure there are adequate revenues to fund the 2002 school budget as adopted by the legislature and signed by the Governor. Next, we must develop an ongoing plan for educational funding which is not based on a tremendously fluctuating economy.

It is important for everyone to understand even though it is possible that funding will be adequate to purchase some items such as new buses, paved parking lots, lawn equipment, computers, etc. These monies are earmarked for those purchases and can only be used as mandated by the state. In short, this means we will lose very beneficial programs for our students, and still be able to pave

parking lots, buy buses, and other equipment we can do without. This is extremely frustrating because ultimately our students suffer the consequences.

The Governor is planning a series of Town Meetings to promote his plan to stop school cuts. He must get the plan in place prior to January 1, so it can be used to stop proration. I strongly urge you to contact your legislators on the importance of protecting education dollars. I hope that just once we can all speak with one voice on the critical issue of educating our children. Again, I hope the public will understand just how difficult another year of proration will be on Elba City Schools. Our local legislators, Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer have been very instrumental and supportive of all our schools in the area. They certainly deserve our support and encouragement as they struggle to help remedy the problem at the state level. It is important to remember that a reduction in staff will translate into larger class sizes, fewer extra-curricular activities, totally cutting some very beneficial programs, and in general a devastating effect on the education of our children.

Sincerely,
Danny W. Weeks,
Superintendent
Elba City Schools

Dear Editor,

Mr. James Edward Flowers, age 52, died November 3, 2001 in Ozark, Ala.

Funeral services were held November 10, 2001 at Mt. Olive - Missionary Baptist Church in Arton, Ala. with Rev. Titus Cummings officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Olive Cemetery in Arton with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mr. Flowers was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. James W. Flowers and Mrs. Fanny Mae Flowers.

Survivors are: Emma Flowers, Linda Bell, four daughters, Angel Stanford (Anthony), Christine L. Flowers (Matt), Marva L. Flowers (Charles), Ozark, Ala.; Mary E.

Flowers, Miami, Fla.; five sons, James E. Flowers (Suzie), Bruce E. Flowers (Tiffany), C.J. Elba, Ala., died November 14, 2001 at Medical Center Enterprise.

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Obituaries

BETTY DEWBERRY

Mrs. Betty Dewberry, age 63, of 109 Beaver Dam Road Apt. C1, Elba, Ala., died November 14, 2001 at Medical Center Enterprise.

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SCHOOLS

Seventh graders write "letters to the edi-

by Katie Grimes

As part of a library skills unit on the newspaper, Mrs. Callhoun required seventh grade English students to write letters to the editor of the "Tiger Tales" page in The Elba Clipper. The students were asked to write about what they enjoy most about Elba High School. The journalism class selected letters to publish in the newspaper. The winners and their letters are as follows.

Dear Katie,

I am writing to tell you that I think my first year at Elba High School is great! I like all of the different things that you can do in and out of school. I also like that you don't have to walk in a line everywhere you go. I thought that all of the teachers would be mean, but they are really nice. I was afraid that I would get lost, but I found my classes easily. I have enjoyed everything at Elba High School!

Hannah Manning

Dear Katie,

I'm really enjoying high school. I've made lots of new friends from other grades. I also love reading the articles; I always learn something new from them. All in all, I always enjoy the newspaper. Keep up the good work!

Sydney Brunson

Katie Cash

Dear Katie,

My first year in high school

is going well. It's a whole lot better than elementary school because we get more freedom, we choose what we want to eat at lunch, and we don't have to walk in lines. The teachers are a lot more fun, and they treat you like you're a teenager instead of little babies. I'm looking forward to the rest of high school.

Chafin Johnson

Dear Editor,

Although there are many things I like about high school, one of my favorite things is the school newspaper. I love sitting down and reading it every Friday. I love reading the interview questions and hearing everyone's response. I also love reading the articles; I always learn something new from them. All in all, I always enjoy the newspaper. Keep up the good work!

Sydney Brunson

Katie Cash

Dear Katie,

My first year in high school

Dear Katie,

The thing I like most about high school is the Friday night football games. I'm in the band, and I love going to see the guys play a hard game. It's especially fun when we win. We have a strong football team who doesn't need luck to win because we can win without it. Go Tigers!

Tiffany Hartin

I want to thank all of the seventh graders for their enthusiastic response. Everyone seems to be enjoying their time at Elba High. I think almost everyone expressed their delight over the lunch line, and most students wrote about the new opportunities available through the high school such as the athletic program and the clubs.

The high school experience is invaluable, so I encourage you to try to make the most of it during your time spent at EHS. A positive attitude is essential to success, and it seems that these seventh graders are well on their way!

Co-Op Spotlight

by Charly Barlow



Chris Brunson

This week's Co-op spotlight focuses on Chris Brunson.

Chris is a 16-year-old junior at Elba High School. He is the son of Greg Brunson and Jennifer Hughes.

Chris works at Klienter's in the shipping department. He is involved in FFA and VICA at Elba High. In free time, he enjoys going hunting and fishing.

Chris plans to attend college following graduation from high school.

Elba Elementary School Menu Nov. 26 - 30, 2001	
BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Roll, Pineapple, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes & Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Chicken Fillet Sandwich, Potato Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Peach Cup, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Ground Beef Casserole, Corn, Field Peas, Crackers, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Hamburger, Potato Rounds, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Chocolate Cake, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Fried Chicken, Rice, English Peas, 1/2 Orange, Roll, Milk

EHS Faculty Spotlight

by Stephanie Sasser

This week's faculty spotlight is focused on Mrs. Karen Davis. Mrs. Davis currently teaches 7th grade math and algebra. She has been with the Elba City School system for 10 years.

Mrs. Davis is a graduate of Elba High School. She attended Troy State University where she obtained a double M.A. degree in sociology and math, secondary education.

Mrs. Davis is married to Brett Davis and is the proud parent of daughters Agna Marie and Laura Katherine, stepson Caleb and stepdaughter Brittany. In her free time, she enjoys reading, swimming, playing with her children and participating in the choir of Elba United Methodist Church.



Karen Davis

Mrs. Davis credits Sue King and Sue Adkinson, both retired math teachers of Elba, for inspiring her to pursue a teaching career. When asked what she would have become if she had not become a teacher, Mrs. Davis said, "An accountant."

ESJC offers free workshop on teaching English as a second language

People in our area need YOUR help to learn the English language! Enterprise State Junior College will conduct a FREE workshop that will teach you how to tutor someone in English as a Second Language. Language learning, language and communication, cross-cultural communication, and teaching specialties will be covered. You do NOT need to know a second

language to be able to tutor! This special workshop is offered periodically, and you may call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234 for more information. Also available is adult education classroom volunteer training for those persons interested in volunteering assistance for the regularly scheduled adult education or English as a Second Language classes. Volunteers are needed for tutoring, computer software assistance, recordkeeping, clerical, testing, and new student orientation. For more information call ext. 218.

About one-third of all food stamp households had income at or below half the poverty line;

Study shows food stamps effectively target poorest households, children, elderly

Statistics show that the Food Stamp Program is helping primarily to support the youngest, the most needy and the working poor, according to a new study released today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The study, entitled "Characteristics of Food Stamp Households: Fiscal Year 2000," shows that more than half of all food stamp recipients were children. Households with children were often working poor households. While more than one-fourth of all food stamp households had earned income, 43 percent of those with children had earnings.

"More than 91 percent of food stamp benefits went to households with children, elderly or disabled people in Fiscal Year 2000, and the vast majority of food stamp households had incomes that were at or below the federal poverty guideline," said Eric M. Best, USDA Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services. "That is what the program was intended to do."

The study also shows: Slightly over half of all participants were children; 39 percent were non-elderly adults and 10 percent were elderly (age 60 or over).

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An Elba Community Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Saturday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, located on West Davis Street in Elba. The drive will be held in the fellowship hall of the church, and interested persons can call (334) 897-2219 to reserve an appointment. The blood drive will be held in conjunction with Elba's Annual Christmas Festival.

Show Your Support!!



Tiger Tales

Editor: Katie Grimes

EES Faculty Spotlight

by Miranda Russell

This week's EHS Faculty Spotlight focuses on Mrs. Melanie Waddall. She teaches 4th grade science, health and Alabama history.

Mrs. Waddall graduated from Elba High School. She attended Enterprise State Junior College for two years, and she later transferred to Troy State University where she received her B.S. degree in elementary education. She has been with the Elba City School System for 15 years. During this time Mrs. Waddall has taught one year of Chapter 1 Math, four years of 2nd grade classes and has spent 10 years as a 4th grade teacher.

Mrs. Waddall is the daughter of Freddie and JoAnne Rainer. She has one daughter, Ashleigh Waddall, who is in the 8th grade at EHS. She also has one son, Adam Waddall, who is deceased.

Mrs. Waddall is a former Drum Major for the EHS Marching Tiger Band, in which she played flute and piccolo. Mrs. Waddall attends the First United Methodist Church here in Elba. She loves animals, and she would like to have a pot-belly pig as a pet! In her spare



Melanie Waddall

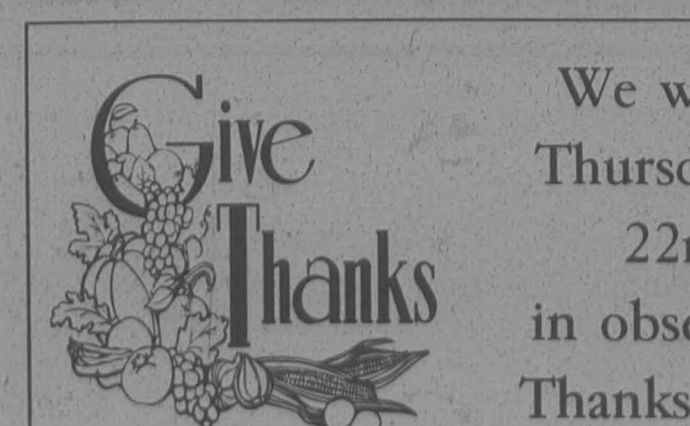
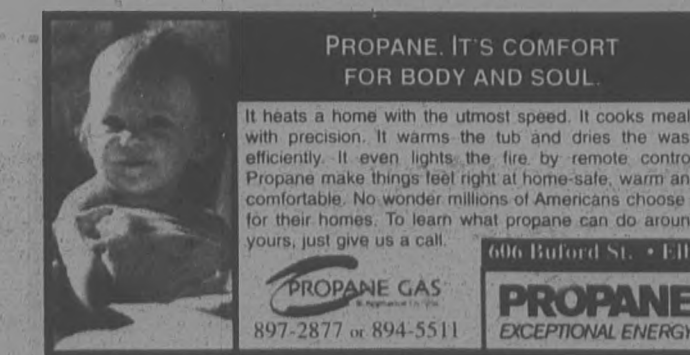
time, Mrs. Waddall enjoys swimming, reading, boating and bowling.

She credits her mother, a teacher for 30 years, Mrs. Pat Clark, who was her 2nd grade teacher; Mrs. Judy Killingsworth, her 6th grade teacher; and last but not least Mrs. Judith Tucker, who taught her senior high grammar and literature, for inspiring her to become a teacher.

If Mrs. Waddall could no longer be a teacher she would probably seek a career as an ultrasound technician or optometrist. She would also consider becoming a meteorologist because she loves science and weather.



The Student Government Association at Elba High School recently completed a canned food drive and donated the items to the Human Resources Development Corporation (HRDC) and the Elba Recreation Department for the annual Operation Santa Claus campaign. The items donated by the students at Elba High School will help create a magical Christmas for someone who otherwise might not have an enjoyable holiday. The students are commended for their efforts in helping others. Pictured with the items donated by the SGA is DeAnn Smith, a member of the school organization.



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SPORTS

Views from...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Talk about being set up! Friday afternoon we all loaded up in the van and headed to Birmingham to watch Elba play in the state football playoffs, and stopped by the Galleria to stretch our legs and do a little window shopping. After getting inside the mall, our oldest daughter informed us that she had to leave her jeans in the dryer stall and that she just put on some other pants until we could buy her some new jeans at the mall. Well, after looking around for a while she said there was only one place in the mall (Alabama's largest) that had jeans she liked. She did buy a pair that was on sale, but also had to get a shirt that matched, and before leaving asked about stopping by another store. By then I had regained my senses and said "no", but as usual, one of my kids once again outsmarted dear 'old Dad.

TIGERS EXIT FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS IN BIRMINGHAM

The Elba Tigers made the long ride up to Birmingham last week to battle the undefeated Tarrant Wildcats in the second round of the Class 3A football playoffs and battled the highly-favored Wildcats on event terms throughout the first half, only to surrender twenty points in a fateful third quarter and fall 32-13.

The Tigers dominated play on both sides of the football in the opening half and could have easily been ahead more than 7-6 at intermission. The Tigers drove the ball up and down the field on each possession, but failed to score after marching to a first and goal inside the Tarrant 3-yardline, and then ran out of time late in the half after moving within scoring range. The Tigers' lone score of the half came after a defensive stand forced Tarrant to punt out of its own endzone, and was highlighted by the Tigers' tailback trio. Elba went in at the half with a 7-6 lead, and even the biggest Tiger pessimists were talking about a Tiger upset. That all ended quickly in the third quarter, however, as a shanked kickoff turned into an on-sides kick that Tarrant recovered, and the Wildcats scored in only three plays to steal the momentum away from the Elba sidelines. An Elba gamble on fourth down and one gave the ball right back to Tarrant at the Elba 35, and after the Wildcats took it in, Tarrant was ready to roll and the Tigers were reeling. From there, several Elba players received minor injuries that forced changes on both offense and defense, and the only real question was how bad the final score would be. The Tigers never quit and did score late to cut into the Wildcat advantage, but it only changed the score, as Elba lost 32-12 and closed out the season with a 7-5 record.

Despite the large margin of defeat, the Tigers were really only a play or two away from possibly taking home a win. The fumble recovery that resulted in a Tarrant touchdown in the first quarter was the only positive thing the Wildcats could manage in the opening half, and the second half was just one big break after another. The missed kickoff that turned inside an on-sides kick led to Tarrant's second score, while its final three scores all came on fourth down plays. If the kickoff had gone deep things may have been different to begin the second half, while stops on any of the three fourth down scores would have given the Tigers possession and kept the Wildcats out of the endzone. Tarrant made the plays and the players win the game. However, the Tigers were a lot closer to pulling off

the upset than people believe. Looking back, the 2001 Elba Tigers tasted the success of winning seven football games and found out how much fun being in the playoffs can be. They need to remember how sweet that taste is, and work harder than ever in the off-season to make certain they get the chance to taste it again many times next season. This year's Tigers didn't have many seniors, but they made up for their lack of numbers with heart and were the leaders of the team on and off the field. Everybody saw the contributions of Elba's starliners Gavin Mauldin and Michael Reed, but it's not just seniors, all players played big roles in the success of the team, and were always ready to step in and do whatever was needed. These senior players included Daryl Burks, Zel Daniels, Brent Bowers, Demetrius Caldwell, Jonathan Head and Lorenzo Green, and are to be commended for their efforts and leadership. Head coach Mike Waters is also to be commended for stepping into a program that had won only five games the previous three years and turning it around through hard work and dedication to a cause. It was easy to see that Coach Waters believed in his players and they believed in him, and the results were obvious. The Elba assistant coaches also did whatever was asked of them and put in many long hours, while the Elba fans came back after a few years of suffering and flopped to the road games in large numbers to give their support to this team that so richly deserved it. The playoff loss hurt, but this year's Elba Tigers made huge strides toward putting the program back on top, and may have accomplished as much as any team in recent memory.

DID ALABAMA REALLY BEAT AUBURN 31-7?

I don't usually discuss college football in my column and very seldom even bother to watch college games on TV, but after sitting in front of the tube Saturday afternoon and watching Alabama dismantle Auburn, I thought at least was worthy of a few words. Alabama's change to an option attack on offense made the Crimson Tide the SEC's leading running team, and apparently it also resulted in the Tide linemen learning how to run block. The Bama backs had holes big enough for trucks to drive through for most of the game, and to gain almost 350 yards on the ground against the Auburn defense made it even more remarkable. Andrew Zink had a career day, rushing for 141 yards and three touchdowns. Zink began to work with the Tide's two-minute offense in mid-season after a couple of late losses, and in the game it looked like every pass was the type used in a two-minute drill. The passes were short and quick, and came when the Tide receivers flooded the Auburn zone. There is no doubt Auburn spent a lot of time getting ready for an option offense that never let Tuscaloosa, and the change in offensive plans by Alabama left Auburn's defense looking puzzled and stunned. Back when the Iron Bowl left Birmingham's Legion Field for on-campus games it was thought that the home field advantage would change the complexion of the game. Well, Auburn won last year's game in Tuscaloosa and Alabama has now won two straight down on the plains. There is an old saying that records don't mean anything when these two teams meet. That is still true, but now we can say that the location of the games also doesn't mean anything.

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS HEAD INTO THIRD ROUND

The Alabama High School Athletic Association's state football playoffs will kick off their third round of action Friday night, and while many of the fans may be slowed after eating turkey and dressing, you know the players will be fired up and ready to get it on in their quest of winning a state title. Here's a look at this week's games, and a brief look back at last week's second round action:

*** CLASS 1A - Three of the four teams that made the playoffs in Region 4 are still alive, with 3rd seed Autaugaaville taking on 2nd seed Reeltown and 1st seed Reeltown hosting Linden, the lone outside team in the south. Last week's wildest game was without a doubt Parrish's 77-51 track meet with over Cedar Bluff.

*** CLASS 2A - The top game in week three looks like undefeated Houston County at perennial power Lineville. Last week's second round wasn't kind to other teams in the area, as Goshen, Red

Level, Houston Academy and Straughn all saw their seasons end. The biggest surprise? Houston County, scoring 42 points on Straughn.

*** CLASS 3A - Resurgent Pike County at defending champion Alceville and undefeated Tarrant at Lanett highlight this week's 3A action, while looking back a few days, the biggest news was Pike County edging past previously unbeaten Springville 31-28 in double-overtime and Colbert County knocking out powerful West Morgan 43-35.

*** CLASS 4A - The fans in South Alabama are in for a treat as the third round will pit undefeated Trinity at undefeated UMS-Wright, and will also find undefeated Dale County traveling to battle defending state champ T.R. Miller. Trinity advanced last week by eliminating Geneva 20-6, while UMS-Wright got past Daleville 23-7 and Dale County whipped Handley 41-20 in a game that saw four Handley players ejected.

*** CLASS 5A - No games in 5A have a lot of local interest, but one worth watching will find undefeated Wilcox Central at private school power Briarwood Christian. Last week saw Robertsdale claim its second straight shut-out with a 14-0 win over Charles Henderson, and defending state champ Homewood trample Lee, of Huntsville, 45-12.

*** CLASS 6A - Five of the eight teams left in the 6A ranks will bring perfect records into this week's quarterfinal action, with the top games being (12-0) Daphne at (12-0) Prattville, and (12-0) Huffman at (11-0) Tuscaloosa County. In action last week, Auburn stunned Robert Lee 19-18 and Baldwin County shocked Phenix City 17-10, while Daphne knocked off Opelika 21-16 to deny Spence McCracken yet another chance at winning a state title.

ROUND BALL SEASON HAS ARRIVED FOR AREA TEAMS

The high school basketball season has already arrived for some teams in the area, while the remaining teams are only days away from their opening tip. It is impossible to predict what will happen, but here is a quick preview...

*** ELBA - The Tigers posted a winning season last year and should be even better this year with the addition of two guards that will fill a gaping hole from a year ago. The Tigers return Super 12 pick John Mitchell to lead the way inside, and on paper appear to be ready to make a run. The Lady Tigers will return four starters from last year's region final squad and are also expected to make plenty of noise. Some preseason injuries have slowed their progress, but this team should also be fun to watch.

*** NEW BROCKTON - The Gamecocks suffered through one of their worst seasons in decades last season, but have most of their players back and should be much improved. Some early-season wins will be needed to give the Gamecocks a shot of confidence, and if they get rolling, they could be a surprise team. The Lady Gamecocks should be a team to watch, and will be a team that no one wants to play. If the Lady Gamecocks can stay healthy and improve as the season rolls along, watch out.

*** KINSTON - The Bulldogs will be hoping that the success of the football team and a squad filled with veterans will lead Kinston back to their winning ways of the past. The Bulldogs will have good

size and good outside shooting, which should combine to give the folks down at K'ton something to cheer about. The Lady Bulldogs will be young and may still be a year or two away from being a winning team, but should be vastly improved and should have a chance to get some wins as the season rolls along.

*** ZION CHAPEL - The Rebels will be under the leadership of a new coach this season and while they will play hard, it could be another season of struggles for the guys from Jack. The effort will be there every time they tip it off, and if they can get some breaks and improve, who knows? The Lady Rebels will also continue their road back and should be able to steal a few wins along the way. Improvement will be the key for the girls, not the final score.

*** BRANTLEY - The Bulldogs struggled a year ago and will be looking to get back some respect this season. The 'Dogs will still be young and inexperienced, but they always can find a way to win, and should be much better as the season progresses. The Lady Bulldogs have improved by leaps and bounds in recent years, and may finally be ready to take that next step and become a dominant team. Time will tell.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS PREP PLAYOFFS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by early Sunday morning and was still fussing about how it took him as long to get through Birmingham as it did to get from Montgomery to Birmingham, and said that this week he would simply sit at home at watch TV. The prognosticator said he would pick 18 of 24 picks last week to move his season totals to 316-63, and threw this week's picks at me before he left. Here they are...

Reeltown 27 Autaugaaville 13
Aplesville 34 Linden 20
Brilliant 16 Newton 15
Courtland 22 Parrish 20
Leroy 32 Horseshoe Bend 6
Houston County 21 Lineville 22
Gordo 26 Euflye 21
Auburn 29 Pickens County 22
Alceville 20 Pike County 12
Lanett 17 Tarrant 15
Litchfield 28 Colbert County 21
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In junior high basketball action

Elba Tigers and Lady Tigers remain undefeated

The Elba Junior High basketball season rolled along last week with the 8th grade Tigers and the 9th grade Lady Tigers remaining undefeated, while the 7th grade Tigers suffered their first loss of the season and the 8th grade girls dropped their season opener.

Following are the highlights of last week's action:

ELBA 8TH GRADE TIGERS

ELBA 78
N.B. 15
The 8th grade Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back to clobber New Brockton 78-15, in New Brockton. The Tigers owned a 23-4 lead after one quarter and then outscored New Brockton 38-12 in the second half to roll to the lopsided 78-15 win. Stefaun Burks scored 14 points to lead Elba, while Kayla Anderson added 6.

Elba (47): Williams 4, Rogers 8, Kelley 5, Anderson 6, Cook 2, Guley 2, B. Kelley 4, Stoudemire 5, Robinson 3, Burks 8.

KINSTON (14): Parker 3, Phillips 9, Bedsole 2.

ELBA 7TH GRADE TIGERS

N.B. 25
The 7th grade Tigers saw New Brockton rally in the fourth quarter to pull out a 25-24 win, in New Brockton. The Tigers pulled ahead 8-2 in the first quarter and owned an 18-12 lead after three quarters, but let see the Gamecocks rally for the win.

For boys and girls ages 6-14

Basketball registration to end November 30 in Elba

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has extended registration for its "Youth Basketball League" until Friday, Nov. 30, at 5:00 PM. The league will include divisions for boys and girls, with age divisions being 8 and Under, 10 and Under, 12 and Under, 14 and Under. A players age is determined by their age on September 1, 2001.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Pictured are: (front) Michelle Weston and Katie Driggers; (back) Bobbie Jo York, Kara Giles, Ashton Grimes and Jessica Danford who will attend the tea party with their favorite teddy bears.

Girl Scouts planning special tea party

The 43 members of Senior Girl Scout Troop 300 are busy preparing for their 3rd annual "Teddy Bear Tea Party," a part of their free activities for children at the "Christmas Festival on the Square" in Elba on Nov. 24.

The scouts are planning to retrieve and use their own "little girl tea sets" and small tables and chairs, which may have been consigned to attics, or given away to favorite cousins.

They are planning special table covers and various centerpieces for the tables, which will

be placed on the lawn outside the courthouse across from The Jewel Box.

Careful consideration has been given to refreshments, which will include teddy bear-shaped cookies, bite-size peanut butter crackers and iced "wedding cakes" decorated with roses. "Pretend" tea will be served to preschoolers attending the party which will last from 10 until 12 o'clock. There will also be face painting and cookie decorating activities.

Zion Chapel Elementary School announces honor roll

Zion Chapel Elementary
Honor Roll
First Grading Period

A
First Grade: Alex Anderson, Brittany Acreman, Heather Brunson, Jessica Brunson, Brandon Cardwell, Shelby Cochran, Bob Collins, Gage Davis, Leah Donaldson, Robert Faulkner, Blake Flowers, Kyle Flowers, Hannah Goodson, Alexis Hall, Jordan Jones, Cody Kelley, Blake Lewis, Ethan Lott, Aspin Maulden, Dylan Mobley, Slade Nalley, Tonya Owens, Sierra Parker, Myah Peterson, Timothy Reeves, Tesla Roubidoux, Kennedy Sanders, Allyson Senn, Nigel Shaw, Damian Walker, Heather Whitworth, Stephanie Williams and Matthew Winters

Second Grade: Lawson Amlong, Ryan Berry, Megan Cox, Ashleigh DeSandro, Paul Gibson, Samantha Girouard, Huey Green, Kirsten Liptrot, Tori Liptrot, Charlie Little, Shelby McCollough, Amy McWaters, Virginia Miley, Courtney Napper, Cassandra Nelson, Chylene Nelson, Sage Peterson, Amber Powell, Noah Sanders, Paris Sanders, Markel Senn, Morgan Senn, Caleb

Walden and Zack Ward.
Third Grade: Sarah Allen, Kenneth Arnette, Brandon Barnhill, Kelli Behrens, Logan Berry, Shelby Boswell, Brett Cardwell, Andrew Coleman, Hillary Davis, Erin Dismukes, Michelle Downing, Brandon Gram, Christie Green, Kayla Hurd, Faith Ketcham, Brandon Liptrot, Shelby Maxie, Justin McWaters, Lydia Mills, Amelia Pettit, Shalandra Rudolph, Derrick Sanders, Taylor Stephens and Sydney Williamson

Fourth Grade: Tanner Grant, Nicole Holloway, Nicole Mauldin, Landan Peters, Joshua Richards, Dillon Roberts and Garrett Stinson
Fifth Grade: Kirsten Collins, Amber Grissett, Kelly Hatcher, Amber Powell, Kyle Tankersley and Nina Vinson

A-B
First Grade: Summer Barker, Ashley Blake, Spencer Brodeur, Matthew Buchanan, Danielle Bush, Mickey Cox, B.J. Grant, Aspen Gimes, Kayla Hall, Taylor Hancock, Steven Little, Tyler Sawyer, Garrett Taylor, Shelby Vinson and Ashley Weiss
Second Grade: Joshua Baldwin, Khadijah Bell,

Mercedes Bell, P.J. Benton, Ethan Carter, Brian Cobb, Stephanie Deane, Samson Dismukes, Nichole Ellis, Nicole Faulk, Julia Harrell, Zach Leverett, Rebecca Martin, Nikki Nelson, Ryan Roberts and Brandon Williams
Third Grade: Kayla Bagwell, Will Besdoe, Wesley Black, Kendra Culver, Hayden Ellis, Nicholas Ellis, Marli Falls, Taylor Faulkner, Paige Gibson, Jake Holladay, Camden Kelley, Kayla Pope, Alexis Senn and Blake Walden

Fourth Grade: Jasmine Bell, Westin Brown, Chad Cooper, Dillon Davis, Hillary Davis, Tara Davis, Alicia Frayer, Hayden Gibson, Heather Hines, Marlane Hood, Lay-La Hussey, Logan Leverett, Beth Long, Heather McCollough, Chelsey Milam, Erika Mount, Johanna Myers, Nicole Napper, Shane Nelson, Lance Walden and Joey White

Fifth Grade: Lindsey Amlong, Cathin Grissett, Drew Little, Ethan Mount, Kristen Patterson, Casey Rushing, Clara Smith and Cassi Strength
B
Justin Stinsons and Brandy Quattlebaum



ZC'S CELEBRATES RED RIBBON WEEK... The students at Zion Chapel Elementary School entertained some special guests on Wednesday, Oct. 24, as part of the Red Ribbon Week across America. On this day, grandparents of the ZC Elementary students were invited to visit the school and get a firsthand look at their grandchildren in the learning environment. They were also treated to refreshments as they showed their commitment to the phrase, "Grandparents Leading the Way to a Drug Free Future." Pictured (from left): Mavis Burch, grandmother of Kendall Chapell; Bob Andrews, Zion Chapel Elementary School Principal; Starlin Jirright, grandfather of Kyle Boswell; Carolyn Jirright, grandmother of Shelby Boswell; and Alice Pilcher, grandmother of Bo Collins.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



John Coffee DAR holds grave marking ceremony

The John Coffee DAR Chapter held a grave-marking ceremony at Evergreen City Cemetery in Elba on Nov. 3, 2001, to place bronze DAR insignia markers on the graves of two members, Mary Oliver Ray Carnley and Mary Olive Carnley Purvis.

The markers were unveiled by Olive Ray Kendrick Martin, Elba, and Mary Jo Purvis Martin, Demopolis. Other family members participating included Terry Martin Miller, Nancy Carnley, Morrow, Jeanette Fleming Kendrick, Jo Ruth Kendrick English, from Elba, and Michelle Graham from Demopolis. Pat Howard, Chaplain, Enterprise, conducted the ceremony, along with Carol Boylston, Regent and Nell Gilmer, Historian.

Prior to the grave-marking ceremony, DAR members and guests met at the Community Room of the Elba City Library for a short business meeting and reception. Hostesses were Donna Clark, Nancy Brunson, Nell Gilmer, Adellee Newman and Olive Ray Carnley.

The next scheduled meeting of the John Coffee DAR chapter will be at noon, Sat., Dec. 1, at the Magnolia Room Restaurant in Enterprise. Good Citizens from Coffee County High Schools will be honored at the luncheon and the county winner will be announced by Donna Clark, Good Citizen Chairperson.

C.C. Livestock Team competes at 4-H Livestock Contest in Virginia recently

By Stan Windham
County Extension Agent

In the picture shown in route to Blacksburg, Virginia to compete at the Eastern Region 4-H Livestock

Judging contest are from left: Chelsey Hollis, Elizabeth Farris, Jeremy Driver and Christine Whitaker.

The Coffee County 4-H Livestock Judging Team competed very well at the recent, Eastern Region 4-H Livestock Judging Contest held on the campus of

Virginia Tech University. This particular team placed second at State in July in 4-H competition. The second place team from Alabama competes in the regional contest which is held each year in Virginia.

All these kids had an excel-

lent competition and represented the State of Alabama quite well. They were a little disappointed in their placing in that they placed eighth out of eleven states, but they are a very young

group to travel with, constantly having fun as you can see in the above picture. They cut up all the way up there and all the way back home and I thoroughly enjoyed all of them.

Following the awards program, most teams do not ever want to talk about livestock judging, they are tired, worn out and just want to kick back and relax. But immediately after the awards program, as they climbed into the van for the

drive home, this group started talking about next year, how they are going to get better and how hard they are going to work. It was very enjoyable, they demonstrated a lot of character and perseverance in their work ethic.

Chelsey's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hollis of New

Brookton. Elizabeth's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Phil Farris of Kinston. Jeremy's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gary Driver of Kinston and Christine's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Whitaker of New Brookton. Congratulations to these kids and all their hard work. If you have a young person who is interested in 4-H livestock activities please feel free to give me a call at 894-5596 and I'll be more than happy to help you out.

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Fifth Grade: Maeghann Hawthorne, Wesley Hunko and Tyler Wilson

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Commission hears remarks of opposition concerning possible sale of county landfill

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission found the future of the county landfill to be an issue of concern to many Monday morning, Nov. 26, during the regular bi-monthly meeting of the commission.

Comments concerning the landfill began with the return of a former Coffee County Engineer.

Mark Pool, the county engineer at the time the Coffee County Landfill was built, addressed the commission by expressing some concerns he has in regards to the county selling the landfill.

Pool began his remarks by telling commission members that several years ago, he told the then current commission that landfills were going to change, and he felt like the

county needed to get some options so it would not be at the mercy of waste management.

He said it was at that point that the county began looking at building the landfill, and Coffee County was eventually one of the first counties to receive a SubTitle D Landfill Permit.

"BFI has now opened their landfill in Brundidge, and I understand ya'll (commissioners) are all worried about a little competition," said Pool. "I don't understand this."

Explaining his position, Pool said the Coffee County Landfill has some of the lowest tipping fees in America, one of the best landfills in America and one of the best locations.

He said he feels if the commissioners vote to sell the landfill, they will be making a short term decision, and they need to be looking at the long term.

"You may have to change the way you do business, but you don't have to sell out," Pool said.

Another thing Pool said is, "bothering him concerning the possible sale of the landfill is that he remembers when the landfill was built that there was a promise to the people in the northern end of the county that the landfill would never be sold. This remark was echoed by Coffee County citizen Mack Westbrook, who also addressed the commission during the Monday morning meeting.

In his remarks, Westbrook spoke of how the people of the Northwest part of the county fought the building of the landfill for two years. He said they were promised by the commission at that time that the landfill would never be sold. Also, he said the citizens in that part of the county have concerns about the volume of out-of-county waste that will be brought to the landfill.

Pool finished his remarks by telling commissioners that he feels they need to slow down and make a long term decision instead of a short term decision.

Enterprise Council Member Kenneth Boswell also briefly addressed the commission Monday morning on behalf of Enterprise Mayor Tim Alford concerning the landfill.

Boswell assured the commission that neither he nor Mayor Alford were criticizing the commission for its decision, but they do have concerns for the landfill.

However, he said as a representative for a city in the county, he was requesting that the commission take into consideration, during its negotiations the long term cost of disposal fees for the city and county.

Councilmember Tom Grimsley assured Boswell that the cities within the county would be taken care of during any negotiations.

Sean Barnes, a paramedic and CPR instructor, addressed the commission in regards to obtaining automatic emergency defibrillators (AED's) for the sheriff's department. Barnes spoke during the meeting on behalf of an idea presented to him by his colleague Greg Gainey.

Barnes said it is his understanding that the Coffee County Sheriff's Department currently has three cars that carry an AED at all times.

"We would like to see all cars in the county with AED's and all city deputies trained on the usage," he said.

Barnes said he and Gainey would be willing to help the

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County BOE holds special meeting, Nov. 15

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met in special session on Thursday, Nov. 15, and quickly zipped through the items on the agenda.

The first item of business involved a decision made by the board during an April 15, 1999 meeting where board members voted to donate a piece of land for the Fairview Water Tower.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram told board members that they officially needed to vote to authorize the chairman to execute the deed to the property. With a motion and second on the table, the board voted unanimously to give board chairman Charles Walker authorization to execute the deed to the property.

The next item on the agenda was a request made by the superintendent to allow her to accept the low bid on two mixers to be purchased for the Child Nutrition Program (CNP).

The board voted at its last regular meeting to accept bids on two 60-gallon mixers that will be used at New Brockton and Zion Chapel.

During the Thursday evening meeting, Ingram said the bids would not be opened until later in the month, and since the board would not have a meeting during the month of December, she was requesting the board allow her to accept the low bid. She said this would allow adequate time for the CNP workers to be properly trained in regards to the use of the mixers before school resumes after the Christmas holidays. This request also was unanimously approved by the board.

In other business, the board: * Accepted the resignation of William McGill as an alternative education aide and coach at New Brockton High School.

* Upon the request of the Coffee County Training Center, approved the donation of an unused portable at New Brockton to the training center.

The portable will be moved during the Christmas holidays, and board members agreed that they certainly had no problem donating the portable to the training center as long as it was understood that the move of the facility would be of no cost to the school system.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education will be January 2002.

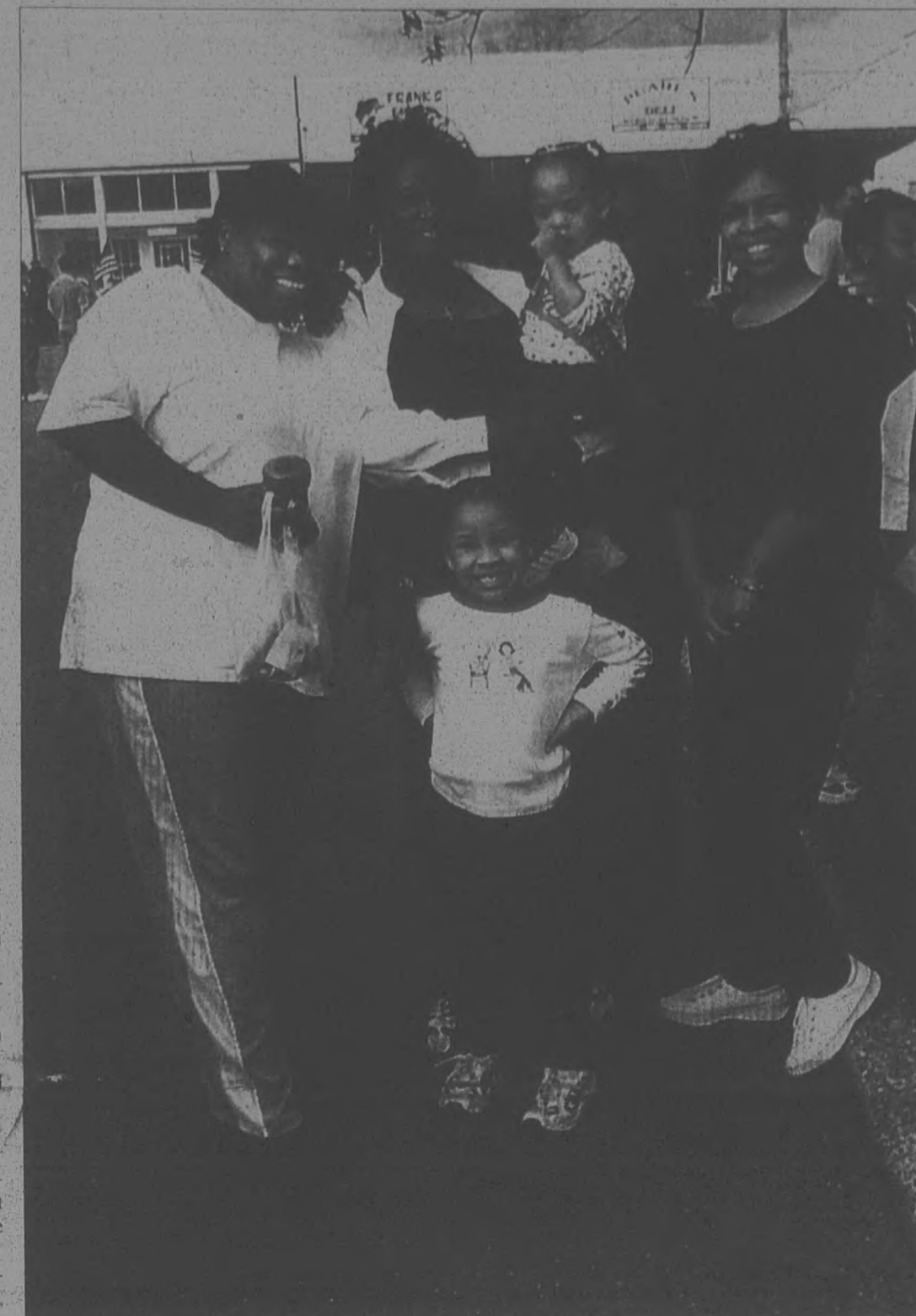
Area Happenings

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS. Human Resource Development Cooperation and the Elba Recreation Department will be taking applications for Operation Santa Claus through November 30. If interested, contact Dotie Stricklin, H.R.D.C., at 897-2667 or Charlotte Caldwell, Elba Rec. Center, at 897-6833.

CHRISTMAS PARADE. The Town of New Brockton will host its 1st annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 6 p.m. The theme of the parade will be "Christmas on Main" and will feature many floats, vehicles, equestrian units and walking/marching units.

OPEN HOUSE. The Coffee County Commission invites all to the dedication of the new Pine Level Senior Citizen Center on Sunday, Dec. 2, from 2-3:30 p.m. The Sr. Citizen Center is located at 63 County Road 355, Elba.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING. The New Brockton Town Council will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at the New Brockton Town Hall.



CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL BRINGS SMILES. It was not hard to find a smile on the square in Elba last Saturday, Nov. 24, during the 14th Annual Elba Christmas Festival. There was lots of fun for the whole family during the day long event that began at 9 a.m. and continued with the annual Christmas Parade and Elba All-Star Lighting Ceremony in the evening. The holiday cheer was definitely in the air as the event symbolized the official beginning of the holiday season in Elba. Lori Smith, Leona Siler, Marshall Horstead and Loreta Smith are shown above enjoying the festivities along with Loreta's daughters, Travia and Mond Martin. Don't miss next week's edition of The Elba Clipper as scenes from the Christmas Festival and Parade will be highlighted.

Cash Brothers plans to revolutionize storage industry

The Wiregrass area is the center of a new and innovative service-oriented business that promises to revolutionize the storage industry.

Cash Brothers Leasing in Elba has developed and manufactures the Mobile Attic, a portable storage unit designed to be delivered directly to the consumer. In addition, the Mobile Attic comes with all of the necessary boxes and packing supplies as requested by the customer. Once packed, Mobile Attic personnel relocate the storage unit to a secure facility. There are no trucks to rent, to load and unload or to drive. Mobile attic reintroduces a luxury of a bygone era: curb service.

The Mobile Attic is owned by Cash Brothers Leasing and National Security Group Incorporated of Elba, and has its manufacturing, distribution and marketing centers in Elba, Dothan and Enterprise respectively. The manufacturing center in Elba currently employs 25 workers and expects to hire 25 more in the next two weeks. As the demand for the portable storage units increases over the next two years, up to 300 Wiregrass workers could be employed in the production and distribution aspects of the Mobile Attic business.

Located in Dothan, Logistic Services of Alabama is the distribution center for Mobile Attic, warehousing all of the packing supplies and distributing them to dealers nationwide.

"These supplies are procured

through local businesses in the area," said Gary Weeks, distribution and operations manager. "We're wanting to use Wiregrass-based companies, when possible, for all the products. The idea is to enhance local businesses by employing their products and services."

The Mobile Attic is also an excellent opportunity for the entrepreneur. With five dealerships currently open, the marketing center in Enterprise is working to bring the total to 100 dealerships around the country in the next two years.

"The portable storage market is evolving, and with no national competitors, Mobile Attic sees significant opportunities for growth in the Wiregrass area

and nationwide," said Betsy Harris, Mobile Attic spokesperson. "By combining the convenience of a storage unit with the luxury of actual curb service, Mobile Attic addresses the need for storage space in a new and unique way."

The Mobile Attic is proud to have its roots in the Wiregrass. "It never ceases to amaze me how entrepreneurs in our community continue to revolutionize and enhance our economy," said Matt Parker, president of the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce. "We applaud the efforts of Cash Brothers Leasing for opening The Mobile Attic. This innovative business will bring more jobs, wealth and opportunity to our region."



As demonstrated above, the Mobile Attic can be an efficient mode of storage for items of many different sizes.